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1 Refugee Flees Persecution



The Refugee flees persecution in their country of origin.

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2 Refugee Wants to Resettle

Refugee wants to resettle in a third country, applies to the U.S. for admission.



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3 Application is Processed



U.S. Refugee Admissions Program processes the Refugee's application.

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4 Case is Approved

Refugee's case is approved for resettlement by the federal U.S. Government.



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5 National Resettlement Agency



Refugee's case is assigned to a National Resettlement Agency.

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6 Allocation to a Location in the U.S.

The Resettlement Agency allocates the Refugee's case to a location in the U.S.



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7 Refugee is Informed of the Location



The Refugee is informed of the resettlement location in the U.S.

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8 Preparation for the Refugee's Arrival

The local affiliate prepares for the Refugee's arrival.



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9 Refugee Arrives in the U.S.

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How Can I Help?

Refugees arrive with little beyond the clothes they are wearing and often are very unfamiliar with American ways of life. Learn more about how you can help new Wisconsin residents from a refugee background by visiting [DCE's website](#).

10 Services Provided to Refugee

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